



The Mark IV
Cromwell Tank on
the plinth is a replica
of "Little Audrey",
Able, "B" Squadron,
1st Royal Tank
Regiment

The 'Desert Rats' Association

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday 11 NOVEMBER 2018

To be held at High Ash, starting at 1030hrs,

in front of the CROMWELL cruiser tank Desert Rats Memorial IP26 5BZ

The service is to commemorate all servicemen and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice over the centuries in defence of our nation. This year's event will involve support from across the civilian and military communities: Veteran Organisations, volunteers, and Monty's Rolls mobile food café.

The Desert Rats Museum will be open to the public for only the second time.

The Association will have a large tent in the event of inclement weather.

There will be Association merchandise and an information stand.

The Ride for Respect (Scooter and Bike clubs) will be there in force.

Limited chairs so bring your own if needed.



7 ARMoured DIVISION THETFORD FOREST
High Ash, Thetford Forest, Thetford IP26 5BZ

For more information please visit the website www.desertrats.org.uk/assoc/

THE DESERT RATS ASSOCIATION

Service of Remembrance- Sunday 11th November 2018

1035 hrs Music – Nimrod. To signal the start of the service, allowing time for people to get into position for the opening address and Remembrance Service.

1040 hrs – Parish notices & Opening address by Lt Col Simon Copley-Smith.

1045 hrs – Service of Remembrance by Padre David Hanwell

Padre: On this day of remembrance, we are gathered here in gratitude for the sacrifice of those who died that we might live, for all who endured pain that we might know joy, for all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom, for all who fought on land, on the sea and in the air. We pray that our deep feelings be turned into determination and our determination into deeds. As men and women died for peace so may we live and strive for peace.

HYMN – ‘O God, our help in ages past’

1 O God, our help in ages past, our
hope for years to come
our shelter from the stormy blast and
our eternal home

2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure

3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream,
dies at the opening day.,

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Padre: At the end of each prayer that follows I shall say, “In glad thanksgiving,” will you respond please with, “We will remember them.”

Let us pray.

Padre: Almighty God, we thank you today for all those who across the ages have been examples of courage, all whose words and actions have given inspiration to subsequent generations.

In glad thanksgiving, we will remember them.

Padre: We thank you for those who have had the courage to stand up for their convictions, come what may; to fight against evil and injustice, even at the cost of their own lives; to live out their faith and share it with others in the face of bitter opposition. In glad thanksgiving, we will remember them.

Padre: Especially this day we remember the sacrifices made, in two world wars and in later conflicts, to preserve peace both at home and abroad. We hold in our hearts and minds those both military and civilian who displayed and continue to display such courage through all the horrors of war - those who fought so bravely, who served so faithfully, and who sacrificed so greatly for the cause in which they believed, the cause of peace.

In glad thanksgiving, we will remember them.

Padre: We give thanks for the freedom we enjoy through their sacrifice, we salute their courage, we acknowledge again the debt we owe them and we will remember, and pray that the lessons of the past may not be forgotten or the sacrifices wasted. In glad thanksgiving, we will remember them.

HYMN – ‘Abide with me’

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

3. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

4. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Padre: Let us remember now in silence before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those whom we knew, those whose memory we treasure, all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

THE EXHORTATION “They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning we will remember them.” **All - “We will remember them.”**

Bugler sounds the Last Post

THE SILENCE

Bugler sounds Reveille

THE KOHEMA EPITAPH - "When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today"

Wreaths will be placed under direction.

Padre: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life. Hear our prayers and thanksgiving for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of thy love; and bring us all, with them, to thine eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Padre: The blessing of the Lord rest and remain upon all his people, in every land, of every tongue; the Lord meet in mercy all who seek him; the Lord comfort all who suffer and mourn; the Lord hasten his coming and give us, his people, the blessing of peace. Amen

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.



7th Armd Div

Pre – 1940



7th Armd Div

1940 to 1944



7th Armd Div

1944 - 1958



7th Armd Bde

1942 – 1946



4 Armd Bde

1943 to 1946